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Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
400 North Street, 2nd Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: Transource Pennsylvania, LLC's Siting Application for Franklin County
Docket No. A-2026-3062686
FORMAL PROTEST / REQUEST TO HOLD IN ABEYANCE

Dear Secretary Homsher:

We are writing to file a Formal Protest against the Application of Transource Pennsylvania, LLC for Approval of the Siting and Construction of the 230 kV Transmission Line known as Project 9A West in Franklin County. I request that the Commission deny this application, or, in the alternative, immediately hold this Siting proceeding in abeyance until the antecedent CPC Application (Docket No. A-2026-3062675) is finally decided by the Commission.

Under the Commission's recent determination in the MARL Interlocutory Order (June 1, 2026), a transmission line siting application filed concurrently with a CPC application is legally premature. Because Transource does not currently hold certificate authority to operate in Franklin County, it cannot legally seek siting authority. Moving forward on this docket now forces local landowners to prematurely engage in costly litigation on the routing merits, directly violating our due process rights.

The Franklin County Farm Bureau (FCFB) represents Franklin County farmers, landowners, agricultural businesses and everyday consumers concerned with preserving our rural way of life. At this time, we are very concerned with the rapid manner that for-profit corporations are threatening the future existence of the richest farmland and natural resources not only in this country but in our county as well.

On an annual basis FCFB compiles information and writes policies that support the best interest of sustainable agriculture. As part of that process, county Farm Bureaus statewide, in turn, gather and vote on these policies. In November, over 200 proposed policies were brought forth for discussion, debate and a final vote.

The list below includes a partial compilation of those policies that touch on the issues that are currently jeopardizing Franklin County's farmland and agricultural future. Specifically, we are concerned with the losses, both direct and indirect, from solar farms, data centers, new electric transmission, spiraling electric rates and the use of eminent domain for profiting corporations.

- We recommend that prime soils (USDA Land Capability Classification 1-3) be prohibited for development of data centers and data mines.
- We recommend preventing the socialization of data center development costs including electrical transmission.
- We recommend that data centers be required to provide their own power source.
- We oppose state-level preemption of local and county land use authority for the siting of energy generation and storage facilities
- We support the right of the state to deny construction of all high voltage transmission for any reason, and support all state efforts to maintain that right, including the departure of the state from the PJM Regional Transmission Organization. (State)
- We oppose the addition of electrical transmission lines that primarily benefit neighboring states.

Economic losses due to business disruption and the cost bore to engage, the resources needed to house, construct and further maintain on an ongoing basis is counterproductive to our mission and not in the best interest of our farming community in Franklin County. Furthermore, it is not the responsibility of Franklin County landowners to carry the burdens for these corporations.

Franklin County's farming future depends on open farmland and natural resources. If this application is ever reviewed on its merits, I urge the Commission to reject the proposed route based on the following severe geological, operational, and environmental impacts:

1. Subterranean Karst and Structural Instability: Transource has explicitly admitted in its 2026 filings that it was forced to completely relocate its proposed 33-acre Rice Substation due to "significant karst formations present under the property" that threaten structural integrity. This official corporate admission proves that our local limestone geology is inherently unstable. If the underground terrain is too hazardous for a substation, constructing a 24.4-mile high-voltage line across identical, sinkhole-prone karst features poses an unacceptable structural risk to the surrounding soils, local water tables, and agricultural foundations.
2. Interference with Precision Field Equipment: Modern farming utilizes large, expensive precision planting and harvesting equipment guided by delicate GPS technology. Forcing operators to turn and maneuver this machinery around massive towers is time-

consuming, patterns inefficient fieldwork, and imposes permanent annual production costs.

3. Environmental Public Trust (Article I, Section 27): The environmental impacts of Transource's proposed line warrant thorough review and implicate the Commission's fiduciary duties under the Environmental Rights Amendment of the Pennsylvania Constitution.

4. Acoustic Corona Disruption: Erecting massive commercial steel structures into our clear skyline and imposing the continuous corona sizzles, crackles, or hissing noises emitted by high-voltage lines during humid or foggy conditions is destructive to home-based businesses, resident well-being, and local property values.

I request that the Commission honor our due process rights, freeze this proceeding until the CPC track is resolved, and eventually conduct physical site views and local public input hearings in Franklin County.

Respectfully submitted,

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